Procurement of wheat and rice by FCI

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Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat and rice procured by the Food Corporation of India during 1983-84 and 1984-85 and at what average price; and

(b) the average price at which these commodities were sold during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) During 1983-84 and 1984-85 marketing seasons, 18.52 lakh tonnes and 22.52 lakh tonnes of wheat and 57.51 lakh tonnes and 72.51 lakh tonnes of rice, respectively, were procured by Food Corporation of India throughout the country at the support prices. The support prices were:

(Rs. per Qtl.)

Marketing Season	Wheat	Paddy		
		Common	Fine	Superfine
1983-84	151.00	132.00	136.00	140.00
1984-85	152.00	137.00	141.00	145.00

(b) The Foodgrains are issued to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations at an uniform Central issue price for distribution under public distribution system. The Central issue prices in the year 1983-84 and 1984-85 were:

(Rs./Qtl)

Rice	From 1-10-82 to 15-1-84	From 16-1-84 to 9-10-85	From 10-10-85 to 31-1-86	From 1-2-86 till date
Common	188.00	208.00	217.00	231.00
Fine	200.00	220.00	229.00	243.00
Superfine	215.00	235.00	244.00	258.00

Wheat	From 1-8-82 to 14-4-83	From 15-4-83 to 31-1-86	From 1-2-86 till date
	160.00	172.00	190.00